

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the production in a linear drive of an axially play-free entrainment connection between at least one rod mounted for linear displacement and a guide unit adapted to slide linearly in parallelism to the rod, a coupling member of the guide unit extending to the fore of an end face of the rod and being adhesively bonded to the rod when the entrainment connection has been produced, wherein, after the application of the adhesive, the coupling member is screwed by means of at least one attachment screw in such a manner axially to the rod that relative movements between the coupling member and the rod remain possible athwart the direction of displacement, and wherein, that then even prior to curing of the adhesive, a the movement unit comprising the guide unit and the rod is shifted axially at least once between its two stroke end positions in relation to a the housing of the linear drive, and wherein, that after the following curing of the adhesive, the final screwing tight of the attachment screw is performed.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a the shank of the attachment screw is inserted through an opening in the coupling member and screwed into a threaded hole in the rod, such hole opening at a the terminal face of the rod.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a the joining face facing the rod is provided at the floor of a recess, rendering possible the insertion of the end of the rod, in the coupling member into which recess the adhesive is preferably introduced.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a peripherally limited face section of the coupling member is provided as a joining face facing the rod.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the movement unit is reciprocated several times between its stroke end positions prior to curing of the adhesive.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein at least one rod is constituted by a drive rod of the linear drive.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said linear drive is driven by fluid force or electrically.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said guide unit is designed carriage-like.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said coupling member is in the form of a yoke plate.